

State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Foster Care Special Need Component Budget Summary

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Component: Foster Care Special Need

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Foster Care Special Needs program is designed to meet special occasional needs of children in state custody and the Department's statutory mandate to provide for the care of these children.

Core Services

The Foster Care Special Needs program reimburses providers for pre-approved "one time" or "irregular" expenditures authorized that are not covered by Foster Care Base Rate and that have been assessed on an as-needed basis. Examples of services include licensed childcare to enable foster care providers to work or to attend court hearings, case conferences, or training events; extraordinary clothing for medically fragile children as well as initial clothing for a new placement. The Foster Care Special Needs component also provides funding for contracted services such as drug testing, foster parent training, foster parent fingerprinting and criminal history record checks and Social Security/SSI eligibility.

FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2005 Component Budget: \$4,662,000

Personnel:

Full time	0
Part time	0
Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Increasing Needs of Children in Foster Care: When children enter foster care with a higher level of disturbance, foster parents are required to access a higher level of services to meet their needs. Examples of these services include physical and/or psychological therapy, supervised visits with family members, individual education plans and tutoring. With the increase of parental abuse of drugs and alcohol, children are often exposed to prenatal abuse as well as environmental abuse, all of which affects the child's behavior and special needs.

Refinance Medical and Therapeutic Services: The Office of Children's Services will maximize federal receipts and generate general fund savings in the foster care components. The office has reviewed its Foster Care Special Needs and Foster Care Augmented Rate expenditures to identify state general fund expenditures in these components on medical and therapeutic services. This refinancing effort will not result in any reduction of services and will continue to provide foster care benefits to the state's foster care providers.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005

No changes in results delivered.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2003

Special Needs funds covered a large spectrum of costs such as damages and loss to foster providers' property, food and dry goods considered essential to maintain a placement in an unlicensed relative's home, parent training, substance abuse treatment services, and other mental health services. Further examples of Foster Care Special Needs purchases included shipping and freight costs to bring child's personal belongings to a specific placement, special equipment, furniture, and services such as special cribs, beds, mattresses for persons with disabilities and travel for children in foster care to visit with their families.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05	Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions.
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid.
AS 47.14.100	Care of Children.
AS 47.17	Child Protection.
AS 47.40	Purchase of Services.
7 AAC 53, Article 1	Child Care Foster Care Payments.
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income.
Titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act	

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Foster Care Special Need Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	1.5	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	812.0	922.6	1,022.6
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	4,567.6	3,789.7	3,639.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	5,381.1	4,712.3	4,662.0
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	669.3	701.7	701.7
1003 General Fund Match	192.3	192.3	192.3
1004 General Fund Receipts	3,625.2	1,720.4	1,720.1
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	146.4	1,350.0	1,300.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	747.9	747.9	747.9
Funding Totals	5,381.1	4,712.3	4,662.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	669.3	701.7	701.7
Interagency Receipts	51015	146.4	1,350.0	1,300.0
Restricted Total		815.7	2,051.7	2,001.7
Total Estimated Revenues		815.7	2,051.7	2,001.7

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2004 Authorized	2,660.6	701.7	1,350.0	4,712.3
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Department-wide travel reduction	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3
-Decrease Excess Inter-Agency Receipts-Unrealized	0.0	0.0	-50.0	-50.0
FY2005 Governor	2,660.3	701.7	1,300.0	4,662.0